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Million British Workers Denounce Frame-Up Trial Of French C. P. Deputies

Members of Parliament Join Protests; See Democracy Lost

By Philip Bolsover

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, April 4.—Indignation swept the British working class movement today when the sentences against the 44 Communist members of the Chamber of Deputies became known.

Even before the conclusion of the trial, organizations representing more than 1,000,000 workers protested the French government's attack upon the democratic rights and civil liberties of the French people, and last Sunday a delegation of 1,000 took to the French Embassy here a demand for the release of the deputies.

The protest movement will now be tremendously increased with the object of obtaining the release of the deputies and other trade union and labor prisoners.

Interviewed in the House of Commons, members of Parliament more than condemned the trial. Here are two examples.

SHAM AND MOCKERY

Tom Cassells, member for Dumfriesshire and a prominent lawyer, said, "Such a system of trials, in my view, is a sham and a mockery. It is a complete travesty of the fundamental principles of democratic government and a negation of ordinary and elementary justice for the accused."

Alex Sloan, Labor member for Ayrshire, said:

"This is the first fruit of the war for democracy in which millions of British youth are enraged and which may entail enormous loss of life and resources."

"These men were democratically elected representatives of the people. Yet they were suspended from the Chamber of Deputies because they held a minority opinion. If the simplest way to get rid of opponents is to suspend them, France might not be the only country whose parliament will adopt this method before the war is over."

"Democracy now stands at the crossroads in a war which ends."

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Hearing Set on Warrants for Dies' Looters

U. S. Judge Pledges to Protect Rights of Raid Victims

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 4.—Tomorrow at 10 A. M., the first court test of whether or not Martin Dies is to be allowed to tear up the Bill of Rights bit by bit will begin here.

The scene: The Federal Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judge George A. Welsh presiding.

The demand of the Communist Party and the International Workers' Order of Philadelphia for the issuance of warrants to arrest the men who raided these organizations on Tuesday was made to Judge Walsh today. He fixed Friday morning for the continuance of hearings.

The petition for a warrant called for the arrest of Dies' investigators George Hurley and Chester Howe, Lieutenant Albert Granitz of the local police and David Jamison, head of the so-called Americanism Committee of the American Legion, and their accomplices.

The Communist Party and the IWO in separate actions stated that the persons who raided the office, some 27 in number, violated the constitutional rights of Car' Reeve, candidate for U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania on the Communist ticket, and Frank Hellman, district organizer of the fraternal order.

In addition to the request for warrants, Phillip Dorfman and Saul Waldbauer, attorneys for the Communist Party and the IWO, filed

A CRIME AGAINST THE WORLD

An Editorial

The secret trial of the 44 French Communist Deputies and their sentencing by a military court to prison terms ranging from four to five years—in the name of patriotism and democracy—is one of the greatest political crimes in all French history. The heroism and unflinching stand of the 44 Communist French deputies demonstrated that they speak for the whole of the French people and the destiny of the French nation; the Reynaud-Daladier prosecutors have demonstrated the greatest betrayal of French democracy flaunting and trampling upon the glorious traditions of the great French Revolution and an utter abandonment of the Constitution of France.

Elected by 1,500,000 voters, representing the largest constituencies of the French electorate, the Communist Deputies represented many more millions, not only in their own country but throughout the world.

Their being sent to prison is a crime of reaction against the French people, against the champions and best representatives of the French people. The 44 Communist Deputies demanded an immediate end to the criminal imperialist war. They urged the French Government to act immediately on the peace proposals transmitted by the Soviet Union to all belligerent powers. They made it clear to the workers and farmers of France that the Two Hundred families and the anti-democratic cabinet had entered into a compact with the Chamberlain imperialist clique for the re-division of the world and the looting of the smaller nations. They exposed the intentions of the imperialist cabal to turn the European war into a holy crusade against the Soviet Union. They fought

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Lewis Opens Fight on Norton Amendment

Makes "Declaration of War" on NLRB Amendment Designed to Split Up Industrial Unions, Aid Craft Plant Setup

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Describing the Norton bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act as "a declaration of war on the industrial unions of the CIO," John L. Lewis today announced the unqualified opposition of the CIO to the proposed amendments.

President Lewis made this announcement, following a conference in Washington of executive officers of the CIO and Labor's Non-Partisan League, at which plans were made to launch a national campaign against the Norton amendments "and all other amendments designed to emasculate the Wagner act, defeat its basic purposes, and turn it into an instrument for the oppression of labor."

HIT 'SPLITTER' CLAUSE

Particularly vigorous opposition was expressed to the craft amendment proposed by the House labor committee in the Norton bill, under which "every established industrial union would be in constant danger of division and destruction through the slicing off of craft splinter groups, even in the face of existing industrial union contracts," according to Lewis.

"The Norton bill," he said, "is the

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JOHN L. LEWIS

Terms of Wang's Puppet Gov't Treason Pact With Invaders Are Revealed

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

SHANGHAI, April 4.—A pact of treason intended to shackle China to the Japanese imperialist war machine was signed by Wang Ching-wei, so-called "Premier" of the Japanese puppet "government" in Nanking, it has just been revealed by the China Weekly Review, published here.

The China Weekly Review published the full text of the secret agreement concluded between Wang and representatives of the Japanese Government on Dec. 30, 1939.

Annex two to section one of the agreement stated that "the essential conditions for the establishment of the new Sino-Japanese relations" include:

1—Recognition of Manchukuo by China, that is, dismemberment of the four Chinese northeast

provinces from China proper.

2—Renunciation by China of her independence in foreign policy.

3—Renunciation by China on her independence on questions of internal policy.

The fifth point of the annex reads:

"Japan will send advisers to the new Central Government of China (the Wang Ching-wei puppet regime) with the object of assisting in various enterprises in reorganization of the country. In addition, Japan will also send advisers to various organs in zones of close Chinese-Japanese collaboration."

The second section of the agreement speaks of including China in

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M. RICHTER IN CHINA TODAY

Weather
Local—Partly cloudy, slightly colder.
Eastern New York—Slightly cloudy and cooler, occasional rain.
New Jersey—Partly cloudy and slightly cooler.

Harrington Asks Congress to Slash Relief \$492 Millions; Fired 200,000 Last March

More Up-State Districts Vote To Back ALP Progressives

Watson Asks Rose to Act Now on State Convention

By Harry Raymond

Hopes of the old guard leadership of the American Labor Party to gain a majority in the forthcoming state convention were dimmed last night when update returns of Tuesday's primaries showed that progressives, who made a clean sweep in New York City, are making a better showing than expected by the old guard opponents.

With many counties outside of New York City still to be heard from, totals showed the Progressive Committee to Rebuild the ALP winning in districts heretofore not included in the progressive fold.

In New York City the progressives have elected 210 state committeemen out of total for the city of 310, an overwhelming majority.

NEED 13 A.D.'s

This number, together with 104 already elected by progressives up-state gives a grand total of 314. This is only 62 less than a majority for the entire state total of 750. The progressives now need only 13 more assembly districts to win the convention and these, it is considered, will be easily forthcoming from the many untapped progressive strongholds.

Morris Watson, progressive leader.

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China Leaders Urge Struggle Until Victory

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, April 4.—The fifth session of the Chinese National Political Council, meeting Tuesday, unanimously adopted a manifesto to the Chinese people urging continuation of the war of liberation until victory over the Japanese invader is won.

He referred to the recent speech of J. H. R. Cromwell, United States Minister to China, who denounced American isolationists and said Americans generally favored the Allies.

"His speech was the most forthright and accurate evaluation of

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TOKYO 'OBJECTS' TO Blockade by British in East

TOKIO, April 4 (UP)—The Japanese navy has the strongest objection to extension of the European war to waters near Japan, such as a British blockade of Soviet ships, and the navy might be compelled to "take" measures if it thought "necessary in event that any illegal activities resulted," Capt. Yuzuru Okuma, a navy ministry spokesman, said today.

The council also heard reports by War Minister Ho Ying-ching on the situation at the fronts, by Foreign Minister Huang Ching-yu on foreign policy, and by Finance Minister Dr. H. H. Kung (Kung Hsien-hsi) on the financial situation.

A statement on the fulfillment of decisions of the previous session was also presented.

BURLAK ON STAND

Anne Burlak, administrative secretary of the Massachusetts Communist Party who followed Frankfield to the witness stand, proved more than a match for the Committee with her sharp stinging retorts.

The vote is being taken among

the employees of the Consolidated Edison, Brooklyn Edison, New York and Queens Electric Light and Power, Westchester Lighting, Yonkers Electric Light and Power and New York Steam Corporation.

Polls were open at 10 places in

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The CIO estimates the unem-

ployed today at 12,000,000 and we

agree with this estimate," they said.

The AFL declares that the num-

bers of the jobless are now ten and a half million.

The United States conference of

Mayors has asked for an appropri-

ation of a billion and a half dollars.

JOBLESS-INCREASE

It has been shown that unem-

ployment increased 1,160,000 in

January and another 250,000 in

February.

The meager budget of last year

has already meant the layoff of at

least 700,000 from WPA jobs and

there will be at least 600,000 more

firings under the present figures.

The Alliance supports the Mar-

tinon American Standards Work

and Assistance Bill, HR 8615.

Wiseman said, "It calls for 3,000,000

jobs at once, prevailing wages and

immediate relief for all who need

it.

"We are urging all organizations

to support this measure. Harring-

ton's request is obviously the car-

rying out of the policy of the big

capitalists for the most drastic

slashes of any relief measures in

order to increase the expenditures

for war."

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Students Win Hearing to Lift Browder Ban

CHICAGO, April 4 (UP)—Students demonstrated at the campus home of President Robert Maynard Hutchins of the University of Chicago tonight and obtained his promise to confer a ban on a speech by Earl Browder, Secretary of the U. S. Communist Party.

The students marched in a body to Hutchins' home after a committee representing them had failed in an attempt to confer with him at his office.

Sidney Lipshires, a senior, president of the American Student Union campus unit, said Hutchins told him he had not been advised of the ban against Browder and would meet an ASU committee tomorrow to discuss the situation.

Ranging from student leaders to members of Congress, the New York Peace Committee for April 6 has received from Americans prominent in many fields endorsement of the anti-war rally it is staging in Madison Square Park at 2 P. M. tomorrow.

Over 150 religious, labor, youth, civic, patriotic and fraternal groups

SWEDEN TO OPPOSE LONDON PLAN TO BUY ORE GERMANY NEEDS

Scandinavians Tense Over British Cabinet Shift; Fear More Brutal Violations of Neutral Rights; Doubt Report of German Troops

STOCKHOLM, April 4 (UP).—Sweden will resist any British effort to buy up her exportable iron ore output as a means of starving the German war machine, officials intimated today while an Anglo-Swedish trade group consulted here. Reports that Charles Hambro of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare, now in Stockholm, had asked an increase in ore shipments to Britain under the two countries' trade pact of last January were denied in official circles.

The joint commission, it was said, merely is discussing practical application of the treaty's terms.

Sweden intends to pursue a policy of strict neutrality and therefore she will resist all attempts to jeopardize this position," an official said.

EYE CABINET SHIFT

News of the reshuffling of the British Cabinet, following closely upon announcement that the Allies will intensify their economic warfare—particularly in regard to

Scandinavian ore deliveries to Germany—was received with intense interest and considerable apprehension in Swedish political circles.

The increase in the powers of Winston Churchill indicated to Swedish observers that Britain intends to conduct the war on a more "realistic" basis and that Sweden must be alert against any new perils to her neutrality.

"Sweden is most determined to keep out of this new trade war," it was said authoritatively.

Informed quarters doubted reports originating abroad that Germany contemplates sending an expeditionary force of 400,000 troops across the Baltic to protect her Scandinavian ore routes.

150 Groups Here Back Peace Rally Tomorrow

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Miss Zugamith said in part: "It seems to me that organized labor, of all bodies in the United States, is best equipped to nurture the movement to keep us out of war and to halt the threats to our civil liberties." Mr. Brand expressed the hope that the rally would be "rousing and effective," and Mr. Maltz offered his fullest support.

The Rev. Robert W. Searle, General Secretary of the Greater New York Federation of Churches and the Rev. James H. Robinson, of the Church of the Master, wished the meeting well.

Two rank and file Catholic fighters for civil liberties, John R. Longo, foe of Mayor Hague, and Shemmas O'Sheal, prominent in American Labor Party circles, heartily endorsed the rally. The American Youth Congress, Descendants of the American Revolution and Harper W. Poulsen, Secretary for the United States of the International Student Service, have added their support to the Peace rally.

Other individuals who have written endorsements of the Peace Committee's plans are: George B. Murphy, Jr., of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Dooley A. Wilkerson, Vice-President of the American Federation of Teachers; Professor Walter Rautenstrauch of Columbia; and Tom Mooney now awaiting a serious operation in St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco.

The Committee also announced the following list of speakers who have will participate in the rally: The IWO announced yesterday

IWO. CEREMONIES

Mayor LaGuardia's lifting of bans on wreath-laying at the peace rally also applies to the exercises planned by the Women's Department and Junior Section of the International Workers Order which will lay wreaths at the monument erected to the memory of the East Side boys killed in the last war.

The IWO announced yesterday

Navy's New Torpedo Boat—Rated Speed 60 Miles an Hour



NAVY'S NEWEST TYPE OF TORPEDO BOAT: The PT-6, designed for offshore defense, "loafs" at 46 miles an hour during a test on Lake Ponchartrain, New Orleans. The \$218,000 craft, whose rated speed is 60 miles an hour, is the first boat launched under the \$5,000,000 building program authorized by Congress last year to perfect a speedy craft capable of challenging an invading fleet by the use of torpedoes launched at high speed. The boat carries a crew of ten and is armed with torpedo tubes, depth charge and machine guns.

Chamberlain Defends, Press Flays Cabinet

Says Blockade Will Be Intensified, Calls Secret Session of Parliament; German Press Sees New Threat to Neutrals

LONDON, April 4 (UP).—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today met complaints against his "puss-in-the-corner" cabinet reorganization with an assertion that he is "ten times as confident of victory" as he was when the war started seven months ago.

While the public and press reacted critically to the cabinet shake-up, Winston Churchill gained broad authority over the strategic conduct of the war, the 71-year-old Prime Minister pushed measures aimed at strangling Germany economically.

The biting comment of the press, including even the pro-government Times, indicated that the reshuffling might be only temporary, leading to a drastic shakeup.

In the face of the criticism, the government today pushed its war efforts with these developments:

1—Chamberlain said in a speech that in Britain's intensified economic warfare "the strangling effect of the blockade will more and more drain the life blood out of our enemy" and that "Hitler missed the bus" because he failed to wage big-scale warfare at the outset of the war. This seven months' breathing space, Chamberlain claimed, has given the Allies the strength they need.

2—Chamberlain announced that a secret session of the House of Commons will be held next Thursday to debate the program for intensified economic warfare, a subject "of great importance and one which perhaps might be difficult to debate in public."

3—Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, told the Commons that the question of a \$68,000,000 increase in United States exports to the U. S. S. R., Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Scandinavia over a four months' period ending in December was being "watched and reviewed" to learn whether the United States might be indirectly supplying Germany.

4—Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Simon, given greater authority in the economic warfare as

head of the British cabinet as proving the main aims of British policy—the starvation of Germany and the blackmailing of neutrals into either participating in the war on the Allied side or suffering without resistance the British war measures." The Nazi press said today in a defiant answer to the British cabinet reorganization giving Winston Churchill broad war powers.

Britain, it was asserted, has

thrown a declaration of war in the face of the neutrals."

The increase in Churchill's authority was cited as proof of ruthless methods to be followed.

5—Germany interprets the reshuffling of the British cabinet as

proving the main aims of British policy—the starvation of Germany and the blackmailing of neutrals into either participating in the war on the Allied side or suffering without resistance the British war measures."

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Without mentioning Sir Robert by name the Ambassador quoted from Craigie's Tokyo address, in which Sir Robert said that Britain and Japan are striving for the same

objectives: lasting peace and "preser-

vation of our institutions from ex-

traneous and subversive influences."

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The British luxury liner had been

unreported since passing through the Panama Canal March 26.

Finns Approve Formation Of New Soviet Republic

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 4.—Numerous resolutions approving the formation of a Karelian-Finnish Soviet Socialist Republic of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR are being adopted throughout Soviet Karelia.

Karelian, Finnish and Russian citizens have pledged at mass meetings to strive for the most rapid economic and cultural development of the new republic, the 12th Union Republic of the USSR.

The mass meetings also pledged to make the Karelian-Finnish republic a firm outpost of the peace and security of the Soviet Union on its northwest frontier.

USSR Votes Funds To Aid Soviet Finland

Council of Nationalities Recommends Financial Assistance to Newly Formed Karelian Republic

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 4.—Steps to appropriate special funds for the assistance of the newly-formed Karelian-Finnish Soviet Socialist Republic were taken last night by the Council of Nationalities of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

On the proposal of Nikolai Bulganin, assistant chairman of the Council of People's Commissars of the U.S.S.R., the Council of Nationalities instructed the Council of Commissars to examine and approve the budget of the new Karelian-Finnish republic and to appropriate the necessary subs from its reserve fund.

BUDGET APPROVED

After this proposal was passed, the entire budget was voted on and approved. Previously the council heard speeches by a deputy from the Buryat-Mongolian Republic and by People's Commissar of Heavy Machine-Building Industry Molyshov. Molyshov informed the council of the important achievements of this key industry of the U.S.S.R.

Finance Commissar Zverev, re-

plying to discussion on the budget, told the session that the Council of People's Commissars had accepted several budget proposals made by deputies.

AID HEALTH DRIVE

General applause was given to his announcement that the committee, following a speech by a deputy from the Tarnopol region of the Western Ukraine, was submitting to the council of nationalities a proposal to increase the ap-

propriation for development of municipal enterprises and public health services in the Tarnopol region by 1,000,000 rubles (about \$200,000).

The session ended tonight when

the two councils, the Council of the

Union and the Council of Nationali-

ties, in separate sessions adopted

laws submitted by the Soviet Gov-

ernment on income tax, a common

tax for housing construction and

cultural development, and endorsed

edicts issued by the Presidium of

the Supreme Soviet in the period

between the fifth and the present

session.

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NMU Wins Wage Boost on Eight Tanker Lines

Secures Flat \$5 Monthly Wage Increase; Curran Predicts Benefits Will Spread to Entire Industry

Flat \$5 monthly wage increases have been negotiated for that portion of the tanker industry with which the National Maritime Union has contracts, the union revealed yesterday.

The increase is embodied in a new two-year agreement, expiring March 31, 1942.

Participating in the negotiations were eight companies: Sinclair Navigation; Pennsylvania Shipping; Kellogg Steamship; Gulf Oil; National Bulk Carriers; Pan American Petroleum Transport; Commercial Molasses and B L Shipping Co.

All but Gulf Oil have given formal assent to the new agreement. Gulf Oil has promised its answer by Monday.

Negotiators for the union were: Joseph Curran, president of the NMU; Frederick N. Myers, field organizer; Wm. Currott, Corpus Christi agent; Howard McKenzie, member of the Port Committee.

Curran said today that the increase would in all probability be adopted by the entire tanker industry within a few months.

"Our experience, he said, "has shown that an increase won by the workers in one section of the industry is soon put into effect in other sections of the industry. In other words, what we have done is negotiate a blanket \$5 monthly wage increase for the entire industry."

There are approximately 10,000 unlicensed seamen employed in the tanker industry throughout the country.

Under the new agreement wages in the industry will range from \$70 to \$120 monthly in the deck department, from \$80 to \$95 in the engine department and from \$70 to \$145 in the Stewards department.

Curran said that the increase in the tanker industry would undoubtedly be followed by an increase in wages on the passenger and freight ships.

Public Barred From 'Front' Trial Here

Defense Eliminates Jew and Negro from Sitting as Trial Jurors

The public was barred from court yesterday as jury selection was resumed for the trial of 17 men charged with conspiracy to overthrow the government by force.

One juror, Rubin Hewitt, Negro, who had been seated tentatively, was dismissed by the defense on a peremptory challenge. Federal Judge Marcus B. Campbell advised the prospective jurors that the trial would last five or six weeks.

The only overt acts charged to the 17 were the theft of arms and ammunition from the government. All but one of them have won their freedom on bail. William Gerald Bishop, described by Federal agents as one of the ringleaders, had been unable to raise his \$10,000 bail.

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15TH 26 W. (Apt. 1). Suitable 1-2; sep-
arate entrance, reasonable.

Chicago Teachers Give Democratic, Republican Speakers Cold Shoulder

By Eric Sand
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Ill., April 4—Consensus of the Teachers' Union, before whom Republican and Democratic candidates spoke here Thursday, was that the election of either party would be instrumental in saddling the American people to the Chamberlain-Raymond war clique.

The educators gave the Republican "Gold Dust Twins," Lyons and Green and the Stelle-Adamsowski Democratic groups a cold

reception. Ironically enough the electioneering speeches were so identical that one candidate might have spoken as a representative for all. He needed only to have added at the offset, "I speak both for my colleagues and our opposition."

PLATFORMS IDENTICAL

The platforms proposed by both sets of politicians were so parallel that they drew a cross-current of ridicule from the teachers. One very neatly summed up

the situation when he said, "The only difference between the Democratic and Republican Party is that one is in office, the other is out."

John Fewkes, president of the Chicago Teachers' Union, who

tried to inaugurate a third party movement twice before, told the Daily Worker that he "was away from the meeting feeling very blue," because, "the platform of both parties were so much alike that it was almost funny. Neither of them is any good."



AN ILLINOIS FAMILY REPORTS TO THE CENSUS TAKER: Visiting a farm at Blue Island, Enumerator Lawrence C. Goekel questions Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Buss, who are shown with fourteen of their fifteen children, whose ages range from one year to twenty-four.

AFL Union's Agent Blasts Lie Against Gold at Fur Trial

Smashes Main Testimony of Government in Attempt to Frame Fur Union's Head; Sam B. on Stand as Defense Case Nears End

By George Morris

Nearing the end of its testimony, the defense in the trial of fur union leaders yesterday completely smashed the government's network of lies aimed at framing Ben Gold, International President of the Fur and Leather Workers (CIO). The most important witness in that respect was

William Bennett, business agent of the A. F. of L.'s Wholesale Dry-goods and Notion Workers Union.

Attorneys for the defense yesterday announced that they may rest their case today. Rebuttal will take several more days.

It is Ben Gold, above all, whom the government want to convict on six-and-one-half year Sherman Anti-Trust Act indictment.

Bennett's short but direct-to-the-point testimony, was to the effect that in March 1933 at a conference in Hotel New Yorker, J. B. Silverman of the Silverman-Becker Corp. told him that "the Fur Factors Corp. threw a stink bomb into his place."

Similarly the judge referred specifically to such organizations as the League for Peace and Democracy (no longer existent), the American Student Union, the American Youth Congress and the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade but did not refer by name to such bodies as the Christian Front and similar organizations.

A Jew who had been tentatively seated was also dismissed yesterday on a peremptory challenge by the defense.

WERE CONVICTED

The Fur Factors is the convicted racketeering trade control organization which operated jointly with Lepke-Gurrah gangsters in collusion with leaders of a defunct A. F. of L. fur union in 1933.

Silverman, upon whose day-long testimony six weeks ago the government put chief hope to convict Gold, after telling of the stink bomb incident, jumped to a meeting in the office of A. Holander & Sons with Gold present held in 1938. On that occasion, said Silverman, Gold asked him why he didn't want to enter an agreement with the fur union. His reply, Silverman said, was that because of the stink bomb incident he wouldn't. This, Silverman said, Gold replied that "what we do in our younger days we correct afterward."

M. Ellington, largest fur dealer in the country, also present at that meeting, already testified that no such remark passed at that conference. Other witnesses already testified on the difficulty Silverman had with racketeers and threats to him if he continues to send his work to Chicago dyers.

Yesterday, Bennett put the finishing touches at his conference with Silverman in regard to his effort to organize the firm's sales strike. As against the inference people, the fur dealer told him he

had no labor difficulties, and that bomb was thrown by the fur factors.

The day was a bad one for Prosecutor Berkley W. Henderson in several other respects. Sam Burt, manager of the Fur Buyers and Dealers Joint Board, a defendant, testified. Under examination of Louis B. Boudin, he gave straightforward answers regarding the structure of the union and the activities of its various branches in 1931-33 when he was manager of the Fur Buyers and Dealers Joint Board.

Boudin's short but direct-to-the-point testimony, was to the effect that in March 1933 at a conference in Hotel New Yorker, J. B. Silverman of the Silverman-Becker Corp. told him that "the Fur Factors Corp. threw a stink bomb into his place."

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Mexicans Hit French Jailing Of Deputies

600 Mexican Communists Meet in Protest; Union Paper Scores Sentences

By Alfred Miller
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, April 4.—A meeting of 600 Communist Party workers in the Hidalgo Theatre last night energetically protested "the shameful sentences by a fascist military tribunal of the 200 Families, against deputies serving the interests of the working class, the great French people, the international workers and all peoples struggling against war and for peace."

The assembled Communists promised "to fight for the liberation of the 36 sons of the French proletariat and to work in the organizations of the Mexican people until the deputies are released and returned to the people's struggle for social and national liberation."

A resolution using these words, adopted at the meeting, was signed by Chairman Oluce.

Today the newspaper El Popular, central organ of the Mexican Confederation of Labor, declared:

"On this occasion the French people will recall the famous speech by Etienne Fajon [one of the sentenced deputies] on Jan. 16 in the French Chamber of Deputies characterizing the Daladier policy as continued destruction of the few democratic liberties we have, denouncing the suppression of the Communist Party and the most important French trade unions, and closing: 'We will continue loyal to the cause of the working class and the international proletariat, the real cause of the French people, to socialism. Together with the U. S. S. R., we consider ourselves representatives of the workers of the world.'

Dionisio Encina, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico, sharply condemned the action of the tribunal as illegal and promised that the Mexican Communist Party would not rest until the prisoners, "who complied with their Communist duty and honor in defending the interests of the French people and the international working class against the war incendiaries," are freed.

British Labor Hits Frame-Up Of CP Deputies

Members of Parliament Join Protests; See Democracy Lost

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danger all working class standards and civilization itself."

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain, in a statement demanding the release of the prisoners, said:

"The military officers carried out orders and passed the sentences. The Communist deputies were thrown into prison. Socialist leaders sit in the Cabinet with capitalists and bankers."

"Inspired by the fight of the Communist deputies, the workers of Britain will strengthen their own fight against the war. They will not rest until, at the side of the French workers, they have wrested the deputies from the grip of the enemy. Let a movement to release the deputies sweep the length and breadth of Britain. Remember that the responsibility for the trial rests as much on the British Government as on the French. Behind the French Cabinet stand Chamberlain and Company, who call the tune and determine policy."

"Let the French, British and German workers act with the spirit of the deputies. Then the warmongers of all countries will be driven from positions of power and privilege."

A CRIME AGAINST THE WORLD

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against and exposed the efforts of the English and French imperialists to destroy the neutrality of the small nations, to force them into the war, to make them the Belgium of 1940. They showed that their trial was part of the reactionary war plans to destroy the many gains of the French workers won by the People's Front.

This is their "crime." But even from behind barred doors with all force of censorship directed towards stifling their voices they turned this monster "Reichstag Fire" trial of France into a thunderous accusation against the war-makers. Florimond Bonte, speaking from the tribune of a military court, represented the conscience of mankind and the working masses of the world when he pointed his stern finger of accusation against the real war criminals.

The Frenchmen who elected them do not repudiate their brave Communist Deputies. Their voices have evoked admiration and response from the entire French people, from the masses of England, and the peoples subjugated by British imperialism, from the German masses and of all the neutral countries who above everything else want to see this war stopped before it engulfs the whole world.

What has been repudiated in this criminal trial? The "200 Families" have repudiated the will of the French people and the glorious revolutionary and democratic tradition

tions of France with which the history of our own American people is so closely interlinked.

What has been exposed in this criminal trial is the warmongering brigandage and the monstrous imperialist ambitions which the Anglo-French warmakers, and their despicable Social-Democratic allies of Blum-Citrine and Company try to cover with hypocritical words about democracy.

Afraid of exposure, afraid of the great anger of a people who are being deprived of all their rights and being sent to unwanted battlefields, French government of Reynaud-Daladier tried to star-chamber the Communist Deputies into oblivion. But they succeeded only in elevating the courageous French Communist Deputies to a high position of world leadership in the struggle against war, in the fight for universal peace.

The French Government of trial by military tribunal, of concentration camps for the brave fighters of Republican Spain and for anti-fascists of all countries who have sought refuge in France, can no longer claim that even formally it rests upon the institution of democracy. For such a government democracy is only a mask and a corpse.

The real democracy of France resides in the Communist Deputies now behind prison walls. It resides in the workers and farmers of France who are resisting and fighting every step in the prosecution of this criminal

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war, who are striving to bring it to an immediate end.

To the 44 imprisoned Communist Deputies and to the Communist Party of France we express our profound admiration and support. To the American people who oppose our country entering the war, who oppose the change of our own government into one of the Reynaud-Daladier type, we ask them to answer the warmongers here by expressing clearly and firmly the American people's condemnation of this latest crime of the French warmongers. We ask them to create a mighty demand for the immediate release of the 44 brave champions of French democracy, the champions of the international working class.

There is a bitter lesson for the American people in this outrage. It shows the sham and mockery of the "war for democracy" into which the Roosevelt Administration and Wall Street are trying to drag this country. It is a warning of the direction in which the Administration, Dies, and the assorted warmongers, are swiftly moving.

An historic bond of friendship and liberty exists between the American and French peoples, which the imperialist Reynaud government is now outraging. The sentencing of the Communist deputies challenges the forces of peace and liberty the world over. Trade unions, all organizations and individuals should protest to the French embassy in Washington and to the French consulates. Demand the release of the Communists and a restoration of the constitutional liberties of the French people.

Ontario Official Says U. S. Must Enter the War

Says Allies Need Men, Resources of America; Praises Cromwell

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the situation that has yet been delivered by any neutral statesman," Conant said. "It is gratifying to know that while Cromwell's speech was officially and perhaps necessarily, repudiated by Cordell Hull (United States Secretary of State), the American press and many of the American statesmen have not disguised the fact that he expressed American opinion accurately, if imprudently. Let us hope Cromwell did express the sentiments of the great majority of people of the United States. But let us also hope that action and not merely professions of faith will follow."

He was addressing a meeting of farmers and business men.

Heavy Voting At Con-Edison Union Poll

16,000 Vote First Day Climaxing Long Fight for Real Union

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pany to herd the workers into the company dominated organization by granting time off for voting. This time would have to be made up, however, the company specified. The CIO urged that the workers vote on their own time and reported that thousands had responded to this suggestion.

In order to vote the workers presented cards which had been mailed them by the NLRB, together with their company payroll cards. Watchers from the CIO and the company outfit were at all polling places checking lists of eligible voters.

The trials are being held in the 7th District Court, on West 54th St., between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, beginning at 10 A.M.

Six More Consulate Pickets Sentenced

Lou Ornitz yesterday began serving his first sentence since Franco put him in prison for 14 months for fighting for democracy in Spain.

Magistrate Leonard McGee in West Side Court yesterday gave Ornitz 25 days in the Workhouse for attempting to picket the French Consulate to prevent the return of his Spanish comrades to the prison he had left.

McGee convicted six other pickets, all women, yesterday in the fifth day of the trial. Seven more await trial from the court now trying men and women arrested for picketing the French Consulate in protest against the French government's order for the forcible repatriation of Spanish refugees.

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Hearing Set on Warrants for Dies' Looters

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The victory of the Transport Workers Union, officers of the Amalgamated said, had greatly stimulated the voting yesterday.

"It opened the eyes of the Con Edison workers to the advantages of a strong union with the support of a strong national organization," they said.

An intensive election campaign has been carried on by the CIO organization during the past month. There have been nearly one million pieces of literature distributed in addition to several shop papers and a printed paper the "Utility Post."

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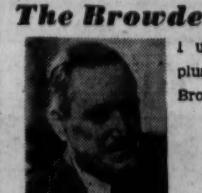
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More Up-State Districts Support ALP Progressives

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asserted the astounding results indicate that enrolled members of the ALP "clearly understood the issues involved" and gave aid to the progressive group to bring about a change in the party's leadership which would allow democratic control.

He charged that claims of Alex Rose, old guard state secretary, of a victory upset was "merely political whistling on his part to keep up his courage and the courage of other members of his faction who, like himself, have been defeated in their race for state committeemen."

"Mr. Rose's group was defeated decisively in New York City," Watson said, "and he will receive but small comfort from upstate when all the official tallies are in."

"To Mr. Rose's implication that the Progressive group is against the New Deal, we say that this is made out of whole cloth. It is Mr. Rose and his supporters who

are against the New Deal. The Progressive Committee wholeheartedly supports the original objectives of the New Deal as formulated in the program adopted by the American Labor Party. We state without reservation that we will support that program and under the Progressive leadership the party will fight for those objectives. It is Mr. Rose and his friends who have abandoned the New Deal, despite their many protestations."

The upstate counties from which authentic primary results were obtained are:

County	Committee	Prog.	Rose
Albany	15	10*	
Broome	10	10	
Chautauqua	10	5	5
Columbia	5	5	
Dutchess	10	5	5
Eric	40	34**	
Greene	5	5	
Niagara	10	10	
Oneida	15	5	10
Orange	10	5	5

*5 not reported.
**1 vacancy.

LETTER TO ROSE

Meanwhile, Watson sent a letter to Alex Rose requesting a meeting between them to be arranged to take up the matter of the forthcoming ALP convention, which, according to law, must be held in New York City within fifteen days.

Watson had previously sent a telegram to Mr. Rose containing such a request. The telegram was unanswered.

The Watson letter, sent by messenger last night, said:

"The Progressive Committee to

Rebuild the ALP is of the opinion that it will have a number of state committeemen to support its candidates and program at the forthcoming state committee meeting to constitute the majority of the total number of state committeemen. In view of this fact, we believe we are fully entitled to participate in the arrangements for the coming convention. This is necessary if we are to have a convention which will be conducted in the American way. We do not believe there can be any reasonable objection to our having equal participation in and equal responsibility for the arrangements and conduct of that meeting. Accordingly, we make this more detailed request for such participation that the following may be taken care of:

"1. Information to be given to us at once by you of the time when, and the place where the State Committee convention is to be held.

"2. Arrangements to be worked out so that an equal number of representatives from each side shall check credentials at the entrance to the meeting;

"3. An equal number of representatives from each side to have the right to submit nominations, make nominating and seconding speeches at the convention;

"4. That each side have an equal number of tellers to check the votes to be made at the convention;

"5. Assurance from you that the sole business to be conducted under your chairmanship, or under the chairmanship of anyone else representing your group, shall be the election of a chairman of the convention in accordance with the Election Law;

"6. And further assurance from you that the election of the chairman of the convention shall be by roll call vote in accordance with the Election Law.

"We should like you to respond to this communication at once, so that we may proceed without delay to complete arrangements which will be to the satisfaction of everyone concerned."

"As you know, not only are the eyes of party members upon us, but the state and nation as well. Under the circumstances it is desirable that in the best interests of our party arrangements as herein requested should be made without delay."

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CIO Union Warns Playground Cuts Increase Crime

Children Suffer Most as Budget Funds for Playgrounds and Directors Are Heavily Slashed

Life against dollars is the issue in the curtailment of the playground and recreational facilities of the city as provided in the proposed 1940-41 budget of the Park Department, according to the Playground Directors Local 2 of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America.

Urging all persons interested in child welfare to attend the Board of Estimate hearings on the Park Department budget, the local points out that not one additional playground director is provided for the coming year, although the local has repeatedly requested 150 new directors and 13 additional assistant supervisors of recreation as a minimum staff for the welfare of the city's children.

CRIME CHART

The benefits of supervised playgrounds for the underprivileged slum kids is graphically set forth by the local, showing that juvenile arrests on delinquency have decreased from 7,000 in 1935 to 5,000 in 1939, and that child accidents have been reduced from 13,000 in 1936 to 8,000 in 1939.

A statement by Bertha Dormont, president of the Playground Directors Local, declares that "Mayor LaGuardia as well as Commissioner Moses have emphasized a serious understaffing of the city's playgrounds," but that the Board of Education, "because a budgetary snafu, has since closed 113 community recreation centers."

PUBLIC BACKING

A citizens' rally to oppose the current attacks on public education and the attacks on the appointment of Earl Russell to the mathematics and logic faculty of City College will be held Saturday evening, April 13, at 8:15 o'clock in Carnegie Hall, under the sponsorship of more than a hundred leaders of liberal thought.

Dean Ned H. Dearborn of New York University will deliver the keynote address at the meeting, which is to be held under the auspices of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom. Professor Franz Boas, national chairman of the Committee, and Professor Walter Rautenstrauch, state chairman, also will address the meeting.

Among the topics to be discussed, in addition to the Russell appointment, is the Rapp resolution, calling for a legislative investigation of New York City's schools.

Another item to be discussed is the Couder-McLaughlin bill, which would authorize religious instruction on school time, contrary to the traditional American policy of separation of church and state.

Sponsors for the April 13 meeting include Ordway Tead, chairman of the Board of Higher Education; Fannie Hurst, novelist; Rev. Howe of the City Fusion Party; Lester Dix, principal of the Lincoln School; Professor Lyman Bryson of Teachers College and widely known for his broadcasts on the "People's Voice" program, and Dr. S. Rawle Geyelin, treasurer of the Committee of Physicians for the Improvement of American Medical Care.

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The list of sponsors includes also Katherine Devereaux Blake, W. W. Norton, publisher; Professor George S. Counts, president of the American Federation of Teachers; Arnold Shukoff, president of the National Academic Freedom Committee of the American Federation of Teachers; Professor Robert S. Lynd, co-author of "Middletown"; Dr. Gerald F. Machacek, president of the United Czechoslovakian Societies, and Dr. Henry Neumann, leader of the Ethical Culture Society of Brooklyn.

Tickets for the rally, at 25 cents, 35 cents and 50 cents, may be obtained in advance of the meeting at the offices of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, 519 West 121st St. They will go on sale at the Carnegie Hall box office on the day of the meeting.

Pecora Upholds Printers' Right To Picket

Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora yesterday ruled that two printers, members of Typographical Union Local 6 fired by Princely Press, have a right to picket places dealing with the company and denied an injunction on the ground that there was no violence or any disorder making that necessary.

The decision was hailed as an important one by the union as it placed printed matter in the same category as other goods and upheld secondary picketing.

He further held that there is a labor dispute within the meaning of the State Labor Relations Act, although the union did not call a strike in the place. The company's attorneys, in their application for the injunction, gave as a reason the absence of a strike and therefore "no dispute."

The case of the two fired printers is now before the SLRB.

They're Union Made



THEY'RE UNION-MADE—Jo and Jean Readingers, dancing sisters, display in Washington their Nylon hose, made of a recently discovered-composition yarn. The American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO) has contracts with about half the U. S. hosiery mills licensed to use Nylon.

Mich. Labor Fights Court Inquisitions

Organizes Forces to Combat Mouthpiece of Monopolies, Judge Gadola, Who Is Leading Attack on Unionism

(Special to the Daily Worker)

FLINT, Mich., April 4.—Organized labor in Michigan today is mobilizing all its forces to meet the attacks of Michigan monopolies and their agent Judge Gadola, whose one man Grand Jury originally set up to investigate racketeering and vice has now become a modern institution for labor-hating employers of CIO unions in Flint.

A special four-man committee has been established by the CIO composed of R. J. Thomas, UAW-CIO president; George Addes, secretary-treasurer, UAW-CIO; Gus Scholle, regional director of the CIO in Michigan, and John Gibson, president of the Michigan CIO.

The purpose and work of the committee is to raise a \$20,000 defense fund. Already the Buick local of the UAW-CIO has donated \$1,000 and guaranteed all bail bonds. Chevrolet local of the UAW-CIO leaders that he is part and parcel of the whole sinister plot to smash the CIO in the Flint and Saginaw Valley region.

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South Bronx Death Trap Reminds Building Unions of Need for 'Code'

Anti-Trust Action Directly Perils Protection to Wages and Hours; Workers Can Defeat Threat

[Last of a series of three articles]

By Louis F. Budenz

Three-thirty o'clock Friday afternoon, June 19, 1936. That is an hour which cannot be erased from the memories of New York building trades workers.

The time for quitting work had almost arrived on the sixty-family apartment building, under construction at 112 East Mosholu Parkway South, the Bronx.

Bricklayers, steamfitters, plumbers and other workmen were putting in the final finishes for the day, mainly on the third of the six floors. Suddenly the penthouse, built on a tier, crashed and crumbled with a tremendous roar.

Timber, brick and steelwork smashed down. The workers were hurled down with this mass, perhaps a hundred tons of jumbled debris.

As a well-informed trade unionist has said to me: "There is a tendency on the part of the contractors to violate collective agreements with the unions."

This is QUITE a tendency, it may be said. The contractor is trying to get rich quick and to make super-profits. The banks bleed him—and credit, let us recall is a big factor in the building set-up. Materials corporations hold him up. To make his 'big profits' he schemes to cut down on the union wages of the workers and to save on materials costs through breaking the building specifications.

The unions, knowing of these violations of specifications and of the labor contracts, took steps to prevent them. They were obliged to devise protective measures, the outstanding one of which is the "code of fair competition." It is this code which has been so relentlessly assailed by the Department of Justice as "collusion."

The code exists, as does the collective wage agreement, between the contractors' association of a certain craft and the union of that craft. There is such a code between Local 3 of the Electrical Workers and the electrical contractors. There is one between the plasterers' union and the plastering contractors. So it goes, through the building trades.

The code has two objectives in mind: 1) To protect union men in assuring that the collective agreement is lived up to; 2) To protect "fair competition" against the chiseling employer.

Public works and public buildings, incidentally, are most likely to be the scene of such chiseling operations.

HOW CHISELING STARTS

On operations for the New York Board of Education or on federal jobs, there is a requirement that the prevailing scale of wages be paid. No provisions are made, however, for the enforcement of this law.

When a bid for a school is announced, it is specified that only contractors hiring union men be given the contract. But it also declares that the lowest bidder must be given consideration. Thus, the latter provision tends to break down the law which it is supposed to buttress.

Now, what takes place as a consequence? Here is the painting of a school room being contracted for. The cost of labor is public property, for it is at union wages. We will say that the labor cost for the room is \$105. Insurance comes to a fixed amount, too—let us say, \$20. Materials are known. The specification books are detailed. (On the George Washington Bridge job, the specifications filled 380 volumes, covering everything from the width of nails to the girders.) The materials in this case are \$30.

Suppose a 15 per cent profit is added. That brings the total cost of the room to \$178.25—approximately \$180.

And yet, frequently, a contractor will bid for this room at \$90, one-half of the amount required with a 15 per cent profit. It is clear that this is a BELOW COST BID. The contractor is going to try to get "profits" for himself, under these circumstances, on chiseling, inadequate materials and like cheating on workers and public.

HOW ENFORCED

The code of fair competition requires a minimum standard on cost of materials, cost of labor, insurance and overhead expenses—below which, if a contractor so bids, the union knows there is something wrong.

Through the "bid depository" requirement, the contractor is obliged to file a copy of his bid on every job "not to be opened until after the bidding," with the union and the contractors' association. If the figures he files are below those maximums by the "code," then the union is granted the right to supervise the job 100 per cent. In other words, the union is then permitted to choose all the men on the job and take other measures to prevent chiseling.

Such relationships, it is true, tend sometimes to class-collaboration which breeds in turn racketeering. Corrupt individuals in the building unions sometimes utilize the power which they get to "bid" on contracts.

There is no one who has not searched these racketeers and class-collaborators more than the progressives in the labor movement, particularly the Communists. William Z. Foster's "Mistakes of Labor" a dozen years ago threw the spotlight of national labor attention upon these shady gentlemen parading as labor leaders.

Equally do the progressives and the Communists—knowing that such racketeering flows from the very sources which the Department of Justice is protecting, the monopolies in the industry—insist that the roots of such racketeering cannot be hit at by use of the Sherman anti-trust law against all labor.

What would be the progressive remedy of such a difficulty? How would a progressive administration, eager to advance the cause of the working people, handle such a setup?

It would courageously take these steps which would STRENGTHEN the unions, not WEAKEN them.

It would do this through strengthening the National Labor Relations Act and improving the National Labor Relations Board, so as to advance industrial unionism—the only effective form of organization—in the basic industries.

That would give to the CIO industrial unions such power that they could deal on a basis of full equality in such situations with the craft unions.

The Roosevelt administration, however, carries out the exact opposite of this progressive requirement. It appoints William Leiserson to the National Labor Relations Board, for the purpose of spiking the CIO unions. It now proposes the addition of two more Leisersons to the board, to make it doubly effective as an agency for curbing the CIO, not for strengthening it.

With one hand, the Roosevelt administration thus encourages those anti-CIO moves adopted by certain AFL craft unions, and on the other it uses these moves to bear down on these same AFL organizations.

This makes it doubly clear what the White House is aiming at with its "anti-trust" adventures against the unions.

THE WHITE HOUSE IS RESORTING TO EVERY EXCUSE AND DEVICE TO DESTROY BOTH AFL AND CIO ORGANIZATIONS.

In rallying to combat and defeat this outrageous anti-labor campaign, the members of both AFL and CIO can set on foot that movement which will draw the two labor organizations closer together, clean the unions of racketeering and wipe out the abuses which block the advance of militant, progressive industrial unionism in the basic industries.

The workers can, through appealing to the court of public opinion, win friends and allies for themselves in this fight for self-preservation. At the same time, they can begin to roll up a rapidly developing movement against Monopoly—the root of all evils in the present scene.

You will agree, brother and sister unionist, that this is well worth doing.

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OVER-SIZE CARTONS MUST BE CUT TO FIT

W. G. Campbell, who administers the new Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, says that the law is bound to result in considerable conservation of cardboard that has been misused in over-sized cartons and containers. One of the commonest examples of this form of deception has been 10-cent tubes of tooth paste, sold only in cartons large enough so that two tubes would have space to rattle around in one of the boxes.

Other examples of similar frauds are face creams packed in opaque glass jars and ground spices sold in after-top boxes with not much more than enough space to cover the bottom of the can.

Under the new law the deceptive containers will have to be changed to bear some reasonable relation to the contents. As current stocks are sold out, they will have to be replaced with products in containers less deceptive to the eye, says Mr. Campbell.

SPRING MEANS MOTH PROTECTION

Moths will make a holiday of Spring unless you store away your winter woolens properly.

Here are some anti-moth rules: First, have the garments dry cleaned or washed before you store them away. Next best thing is to sun them thoroughly, and brush



Bette Davis' secret of success is not only her beauty but her ability to appear natural on all occasions.

Leading Women Unionists To Honor Dr. Bella Dodd

Fifty leading women trade unionists are sponsoring the testimonial dinner to be given for Dr. Bella V. Dodd, legislative representative of the American Federation of Teachers, at the Aldine Club, Fifth Avenue and 23rd Street, Saturday evening, April 6.

For more information write the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. for its free Leaflet No. 145, "Clothes Moths."

Dr. Dodd, formerly on the faculty of Hunter College, resigned from her position several years ago to

devote her full activities to the teachers' organization.

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Into the Streets Tomorrow!

Tomorrow is the momentous day for making the peace demands of labor and the people ring in Washington and on Wall Street.

The great April 6 peace demonstrations in New York City—and throughout the country, were begun by labor. For the trade unions are the bulwark of the people's peace movement. The very fact that these demonstrations will take place, shows that, under labor's leadership, peace sentiment is growing all over the land.

The principal slogans of the demonstration are "The Yanks Are NOT Coming," and the demand "Work—Not War." These are not empty words but apply with deadly accuracy to the rapid moves of the Roosevelt Administration and Wall Street toward war and hunger for the American people. Already these slogans are beginning to spread like wildfire among the people's organizations.

A full turnout of labor, youth, women's and other peace organizations at the New York demonstration tomorrow will make the war-plotters of Washington and Wall Street take notice.

Green's Treachery

William Green's approval of the Norton Committee's amendments to the Wagner Act, is a foul piece of treachery against the entire labor movement.

John L. Lewis has exposed the tie-up between the AFL Executive Council and the open-shoppers behind these amendments. But these amendments which appear to be directed mainly against the CIO, can be used with equally destructive results against the affiliated AFL unions themselves. In the hope of gaining a temporary advantage over the CIO, Green has forfeited the rights of the members of his own organization.

But these amendments not only threaten the basic principles of the Wagner Act and place powerful weapons in the hands of the open-shoppers. They also open the door to the still more sinister amendments of the Smith Committee.

There is still time to undo the treachery committed by Green. But the rank and file of the AFL must speak up now more emphatically than ever and join with the CIO to preserve the Wagner Act.

Let every member of the House and the Senate (and Chairman Elbert Thomas of the Senate Labor Committee) be notified that labor demands the defeat of the Norton, Smith and ALL emasculating amendments to the Wagner Act.

The 'Aren't-Mothers-Terrible' Department

TORONTO.—Jules B. Bache, New York financier and broker (with a \$50,000,000 fortune—Editor) and president of Domes Mines, Inc., one of Canada's biggest gold producers, said here yesterday that "professional isolationists" in the United States were "simply after the votes of the mothers who do not want their sons to go to war."—United Press, April 3.

Franco Celebrates— With Anti-Semitic Violence

General Franco celebrated the first anniversary of his conquest over Republican Spain this week.

And he celebrated it in good fascist style—with pogroms against the Jewish people in Spain.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports:

Reports reaching here from Barcelona state that an anti-Semitic campaign is in progress in Spain. Many Jewish refugees in Madrid and Barcelona will be deported to Germany unless they obtain visas for other countries. . . . The press and radio are conducting a violent anti-Semitic campaign. Jewish children are not allowed to attend public schools. . . . A Jew who died several weeks ago was buried in a dog cemetery. . . .

This is the regime which was so greatly aided by the refusal of President Roosevelt "to intervene" by lifting the embargo. Similarly, it is the child of Chamberlain's and the "Socialist" Blum's non-intervention. This is the Government which was given official recognition by the U. S. State Department with express-train speed after its victory in combination with Hitler and Mussolini's troops.

It is to the mercy of this ferocious government that French imperialism is now driving back the Spanish refugees. Franco

drives the Spanish Jews to Hitler; Reynaud and Daladier drive the Spanish refugees to Franco. Such is the universal contempt of all imperialism for the people they victimize. The fascism of Franco is no different from the "democracy" of Daladier and Reynaud.

Will the professional lovers of "civilization" and "freedom" who are now yelling for war, now raise their anger against the Franco regime for its pogroms?

Judging from their indifference to the fate of Ireland, India, and the Chinese people, we greatly doubt it.

The Farmers Like The Idea

The action of a group of Wisconsin farmers the other day gave living reality to John L. Lewis' speech on Miners Day in which he warned that the people will form their own third party.

The Wisconsin Cooperative Milk Pool, in Winnebago County, declared that "we, the farmers, will not fight in another imperialist war" and denounced the Roosevelt Administration for taking steps "to bring the United States into war."

Their resolution unquestionably expressed the opinion and the predicament of poor farmers throughout the nation:

The two old parties, Republican and Democrat, have not fulfilled their promises to give the farmers cost of production. Instead the Democrats have abandoned the New Deal and are headed for the imperialist war. Farms are being foreclosed, and our standard of living is lower every day. . . . We go on record for farmer and labor to unite and form a third party such as was advocated by the United Mine Workers of America at their convention: that is the only way we will get cost of production and the workers in the city will have jobs, and the United States will be kept out of war."

When Lewis spoke of the possibility of a coalition of labor, farmer, youth, the Negro people and the aged into one great party for the peace and general betterment of the American people, he hit the spot. More such expressions as this from the Wisconsin farmers, and from other sections of the people, will help convert this possibility into flesh and blood.

Through Cromwell, Britain Hopes to Get Us in

The red-hot vigor with which Allied conspiracy is trying to drag the United States into their war is once again demonstrated by the brutally frank statement of the Ontario Attorney General, Gordon Conant.

"The Allies need America," he said. He said it was the duty of Canadian Government intrigue to "do everything within our power to enlist the active support of the United States in the cause of the Allies."

This active intriguer against the safety and peace of America's families gave credit where credit was due. He heaped praise upon playboy Ambassador Cromwell. What is more revealing, he explained that high Canadian officials do not take very seriously the Government rebuke of Cromwell:

It is gratifying to know that while Mr. Cromwell's speech was officially, and perhaps necessarily repudiated by the Secretary of State, the American statesmen have not disguised the fact that he expressed American opinion accurately if imprudently."

This is of course an outrageously false reading of American opinion which rang from coast to coast in protest against Cromwell's speech.

But it tells us that the polite fillip on the wrist which the Roosevelt Administration inflicted on Cromwell is slyly understood in British war circles as merely a "necessary" gesture for American public opinion. Mr. Conant figures that as long as Roosevelt keeps Cromwell, there is a good chance of getting the Yanks to come over again.

This is the really important confession of Mr. Conant's fiery war speech. It shows that the need for the dismissal of Cromwell as Canadian Ambassador is as urgent, in fact, more urgent than ever before. As long as Mr. Cromwell remains in Canada, the Mr. Conants can continue to misinform the Canadian people as to the true sentiments of the American people, with the silent complicity, apparently, of the State Department and the White House.

The Workers Don't Want Pegler's 'Help'

Westbrook Pegler, columnist for the World-Telgram and other Scripps-Howard papers, has been writing day after day about certain racketeering officials in the AFL.

Pegler insists that he abhors racketeering and loves the rank and file of the Federation. But the workers in the AFL will send back Pegler's love with thanks. They suspect that what gets him so hot and bothered about racketeering is that he sees an opportunity to help the Department of Justice in its outrageous drive against the labor movement. Actually these racketeers in the AFL and Mr. Pegler see eye to eye on the Wagner Act, federal relief and other social questions.

The racketeering elements in the AFL and the toleration of them by William Green, is a serious problem for the rank and file. But it is their problem and not Pegler's. (In this connection, we recommend to our readers tomorrow's article in the series by Louis Buder on the "anti-trust" anti-labor drive.) The workers do not intend to let either Pegler or the Administration use this issue as a pretext for destroying the most fundamental rights of trade unionism.

'Down in the Forest Something Stirred'

--- Gabriel



"Down in the forest something stirred . . ." A Gabriel cartoon attacks the warmakers in the English "Daily Worker." The Communist paper continues its fight, hampered of course by the censor.

DAILY NEWS PHILOSOPHY CONCEALS A FIST

The Daily News pretends to be glad that a transit strike has been averted. But the News is really dismayed, as its editorial reveals. The News is already looking forward longingly to a transit strike sometime in the future. It calls upon the people to "approve any measures he (the mayor) may have to take to break it up" and threatens that it may require "violence."

In our editorial on the victory which the transit settlement represents for labor and the people in general, we declared that the Morgan and Rockefeller banking interests "and their press" had been desperately trying to provoke a strike. Their Daily News editorial is a case in point.

The same Daily News editorial goes on to tell why the workers should lose their rights when the city becomes their employer. According to the News, the subways are now to become what it calls "socialized" and will be the "property of the people who use them." Here the News is trying to create the impression that a little bit of socialism will somehow be existing right here in the midst of capitalism. (This, by the way, is a neat way to discredit real socialism. For

if socialism means depriving workers of their rights and threatening the people with a 7-cent or a 10-cent fare, socialism would hardly be worth fighting for.)

Of course, transit unification, regardless of certain merits which it may have, has nothing to do with socialism. Under unification, the BMT and the IRT will no more be the "property of the people who use them" than the Daily News is the property of the people who read it. The bankers will still be collecting their unearned revenue from the subways. In fact, the bankers count on municipal ownership making their revenues more secure, with the city becoming their collecting agency.

Under socialism, on the other hand, the people really own the factories and means of transportation because the government is really theirs. There are no bankers collecting their millions either out in the open or behind the scenes.

Meanwhile, the innocent-sounding little essay on "socialism" in the Daily News, should serve to put the transit workers and the general public on guard against any tricks and provocations from the capitalists and their press.

Terms of Wang's Puppet Gov't Treason Pact With Invaders Are Revealed

(Continued from Page 1)

"defense against Communism." What is meant by this "defense" is seen from the following points of this section. For example, point two reads:

"Japan and China will consider joint defense against Communism as their common aim. Japan will station the necessary number of troops in North China and Mongolia."

TOKIO TROOPS TO STAY

Point four of the same section reads:

"The troops which are at present stationed in North China and in the zone of the lower Yangtze River will remain in these districts until full peace and order are restored."

It is also declared that a "Political Committee on North China Affairs" will be formed to deal with all local and other questions relating to Japan and Manchuria.

The sixth point declares that "Japan reserves to itself the right to control the activities of railways, airports, main ports and waterways communications in zones where Japanese troops are stationed."

And finally, in conclusion, this section contains a point on Japan sending advisers and instructors to the Chinese Army and police.

The conditions of the third section of the agreement place the entire economy of China under the complete control of Japan.

ELUDER FACT

Point three of this section provides that "Japan shall receive special privileges to exploit the natural resources of North China and Mongolia, particularly to ex-

ploit and use the natural resources of Mongolia and Tibet. To ensure economic collaboration, China is also to give Japan the necessary privileges to exploit special resources in other districts."

A note to this section states,

Britain Threatens Jugoslav Ships In Adriatic

BELGRADE, April 4 (UP)—Great Britain has warned Jugoslav ships

that they may be halted by British warships and their cargoes seized if they carry auxiliaries for Germany through the Adriatic to Trieste, it was revealed today.

An official source confirmed the warning after reports that the Allied blockade might be extended to the Adriatic in the intensified economic warfare announced by British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain on Tuesday.

Italian resentment was expected to follow the disclosure and the Italian newspaper Corriere Padano of Ferrara, organ of Governor Italio Balbo of Libya, said today that "Rome will not be grateful if the British attempt to blockade the Adriatic."

"It is evident," said Balbo's newspaper, "that Chamberlain has chosen the Italian sea for a practical application of the restrictive measures announced in his recent speech. Because of such action Rome will not be grateful either to him or his country."

The new Central Government of China will pay Japan indemnities for losses suffered by the Japanese Government since the outbreak of the incident."

The agreement then enumerated in detail the future "organization" of the territories under the jurisdiction of the puppet "governments" established by the Japanese in Peiping and Nanking.

The points in the agreement regarding Inner Mongolia deserve special attention. The agreement provides that all questions without exception relating to Inner Mongolia "are to be solved on the basis of the occupation of this section of China by Japanese troops. This section of the agreement stated, "The Central Government of China recognizes the Anti-Communist and autonomous character of the Federated Autonomous Government of Mongolia as an accomplished fact."

The fourth section of the agreement declares that "Wang Ching-wei recognizes as an accomplished fact that Amoy is a special administrative district." The same is said in the fifth section about the islands off the South China coast, including Hainan.

Thus, Amoy and these islands would actually be included in the Japanese Empire, for "the accomplished fact" is the present occupation of these districts by Japanese troops.

These points, like other points of the agreement, trample upon the interests and rights of their powers in China. This agreement is the basis upon which the so-called "Central Government of China" headed by Wang Ching-wei was established in Nanking on March 30.

Letters From Our Readers

An Open Letter to Charles Belous

Woodside, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is an open letter to Charles Belous:

I have known you for over 15 years and have worked with you politically since 1933. Therefore, there is probably no one in a better position to write this letter.

Before you went off the "deep end" for Alex Rose, we spent two days discussing the problem. You contended that it was time for you to "look after Belous." I, very naively, thought that consideration of "ideals" should be more important. However, after you made your decision you said you did not want to smear anyone and you would therefore remain neutral in the party fight. But, have you? Are the slanders and lies, which are being used by Alex Rose in your name, neutrality? I have no doubt that you know the answer.

Your sensational newspaper statement would lead one to believe that you were curbed in speech, thoughts and actions by the leadership of the Progressive Committee. You and I, both, know how false this is. Firstly, we were both members of the nine man Administrative Committee, which formulated the policies of the Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party, and you know that there was never any request made of you or anyone to refrain from doing anything. The statement that you were barred from denouncing Hitler's atrocities and that the Progressive Committee opposed the New Deal were made of whole cloth and nothing more.

Charlie, I know the reason for your actions, but do you think it honorable to misinform the 50,000 people who twice voted for you in the Queens Countymanic races? Do you think it fair to them to slander the Party which elected you to the Council?

In spite of your implications that there would be others from the Progressive Committee who were going to follow you out, I have been able to withstand the "lures" of the opposition. Pretty prizes were offered and all that was required of me was that I call people, with whom I have worked for four years, Communists. People, who are no more Communists than you or I. This I refused to do. I will not destroy my principles by smearing innocent men and women. I had always thought that you would have acted similarly. However, I now find myself disillusioned.

You probably will be prevented from making a more credible statement until after the April 2nd primaries. However, I hope you will be free to clarify your position shortly and repudiate the lies printed in your name. The first to congratulate you on your courage will be

S. CLINTON STERN,
Secretary, Queens County,
Committee of A.L.P.

Hits Reactionary Union Officials In I.L.G.W.U.

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

When your boss tells you to vote for the present administration (reactionary) in the I.L.G.W.U. of Local 23, something is fishy some place. My shop works nine hours a day, pay below union scale, discrimination, intimidation, stooging, chairlady appointed by the boss.

On Thursday, March 21, we went to vote and what did I see—"snatching"—three pair of feet in a booth where there should have been one pair. The union officials had their sunniest smiles, dressed like newly rich, gaudy, pot-bellied racketeers.

The Bosses' Raid on Labor's Pay Envelope

UNIONS MEAN HIGHER WAGES, a pamphlet by Sidney Burke, published by the Los Angeles Industrial Union Council (CIO), 212 W. 3rd St.; 3 cents.

By Fred English

Open shop employers oppose unions for one chief reason: Unions mean higher wages.

This is the story told by an organizing pamphlet, "Unions Mean Higher Wages, The Story of the LaFollette Committee Hearings in Los Angeles," published by The Los Angeles Industrial Union Council.

Written by Sidney Burke, news-paper guidaan, who covered the civil liberty hearings for the CIO, the pamphlet goes straight to the point, proving through testimony by the open shippers, themselves, that their quarrel with labor unions is not "to preserve the civil liberties of workers not to have to join a union," as they have long pretended, but because unionization of an industry raises wages.

Of particular interest is Burke's excellent choice of quotations from documents introduced at the hearings and from the 13 days of solid testimony.

The Opposition Admits Quite a Lot

One, taken from a letter sent by G. G. Bennett, president of the Associated Farmers of Imperial County to Paul Shoup, president of Southern Californians, Inc., tells the story known but without definite proof until LaFollette came along in the fewest possible words:

"I believe it is a fact that without the combined efforts of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Californians, Inc., and the Associated Farmers, Los Angeles would be closed shop by now," Bennett wrote.

In the same letter, Bennett revealed in one sentence the main problem faced by the open shippers and their strike breaking agencies in keeping wages down.

"The average American has an ingrained sympathy for labor," he wrote.

As revealed at the hearings, the M & M and other anti-labor combinations, dropped all theirphony pretenses and advertising slogans when writing to each other and to their "members."

"Unions Mean Higher Wages" takes full advantage of this by comparing quotes from confidential documents to deceptive union-breaking slogans used publicly by these groups.

Bosses Offer Word to Wise

The pamphlet, for example, compares the often repeated public utterance "that the main cause of strikes is the union racketeers' demand for the closed shop," with a special bulletin sent by the Merchants and Manufacturers to employers to warn them that conditions in their shop must not be too terrible.

"What is happening today has been slowly coming on for a period of many years. Every mistreated employee has dreamed of conditions as they are today. He delights in the fact that today he can strike and get better conditions and more wages . . ." said the letter written by L. O. Gunn, manager of the Merchants and Manufacturers employment agency, which furnished strike breakers.

The old open shippers sob about forcing their beloved employees to pay \$2 or \$3 per month tribute in union dues is thoroughly exploded by the pamphlet's quotation of a couple of sentences written by the Merchants and Manufacturers labor expert:

"A Los Angeles (mil) driver cannot understand why he receives \$80 a month as a driver when a San Francisco driver gets \$150 a month. The answer is the San Francisco driver belongs to a union . . ."

Tax Money Breaks Strike

Another interesting section of the pamphlet tells of company union activities of the open shippers, specifically the story of the long strike at the Globe Dairy Lunches by the A. F. of L. Culinary Workers. Globe owner George Barracough, after forcing the strike through discriminatory firings, because of his "opposition in principle" to the closed shop, signed a "closed shop contract" almost immediately with "an independent union" set up by The Neutral Thousands for his benefit which, of course, did not grant WAGE RAISES.

Here's how the pamphlet sums up the story:

Woody Sez:

Well the WPA got cut 55 per cent they tell me. That was a devil of a swat. I remember the first airplane that ever flew over our old home town, Okemah, Okfuske County, Oklahoma, well—it scared all of the teams of horses, and they humped up and backed up, and kicked a loose from the harness, and they had about 17 runaway teams there, a thundering up alleys, and down streets, and out across the horse trading lots, and clipped the corners off of half of the stores in town, and strung boards off of the old frame drug stores and saloons, and run through stacks of chicken coops in front of the stores, and got the coops and the chickens all hung up in the wagon wheels, and between the feathers, Winchester rifle smoke, and dust, you couldn't see a cussed thing around that town for 10 days.

But that's just one way of a tearin' a town down. Another way is to cut Relief, and do away with the WPA. One of those teams run up on a sandpile where a bunch of us kids was a playing, and run over one of my best friends and broke his leg, and drug him around like a sack on a rooster. His parents raised a rukus, the merchants raised a rukus, and the hole population raised a rukus, because of the runaway, but boy, listen, something has got loose in Washington, and it's a mighty lot wilder and more dangerous than a whole desert full of runaway horses, with a couple of tribes of wild Indians, and 5 herds of loco buffalo throwed in.

Sheean Play On Lecturer Is Thin Stuff

AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT, by Vincent Sheean, starring Ethel Barrymore and produced by Guthrie McClintic at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre.

Negro Scientist Hero Of Stirring New Film

Illustrious Life Of Dr. Carver Is Vivid Story

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, presented by ALEX MEDOWS, starring Dr. George Washington Carver with Booker T. Washington III, Tuskegee Choir, Tim Campbell and a large supporting cast. Produced by George John Martin, director. Screen story by Robert Shur. Directed by Ben Parker.

By David Platt

One of the most important films about the Negro people that we have seen is Ben Parker's full-length biographical film of the life of the great Negro scientist, George Washington Carver.

The film (it is titled "George Washington Carver") was photographed in Alabama, home of Tuskegee Institute, the famous Negro educational center for which Booker T. Washington is revered today. Here in this famous institution, the film shows among other things, a Negro linotype operator engaged in working at his machine and Negro surgeons operating on a patient. The screening of all these Negro physicians, mechanics, dairymen, plant breeders and engineers being trained at Tuskegee will come as a surprise to white audiences, only because Hollywood in its "superiority" to Negroes neglects to show this side of Negro life.

Dr. Carver himself is shown in his office at Tuskegee where he heads the Institute's Agricultural Experiment Station. He is seen relating the story of his life to a despondent pupil who can see nothing but disillusion ahead for the college man today.

Mrs. Charles Rochester, ex-wife of two Cabinet officers, is selling dear old England despite herself as she begins lecture tour and play. She has an impetuous, youngish, albeit stiff young cousin who wants to show her the seamy side of life, factories and coal mines, and strikes in Detroit. He takes her to a picket line where she is smashed on the head by a policeman. The subsequent publicity leads her club women audiences to believe that she is an "anarchist - communist or something." And leads her to understand—poor dear—that there are wretched people, factory workers, coal miners, who must struggle for a living. And also young cousins who have such wistful eyes.

If dear Mrs. Rochester had married the lukewarm radical cousin that would have been incredible, of course. The wives of ex-Cabinet Ministers seldom run away with country boys from Indiana. Mrs. Rochester does marry a third ex-Cabinet Minister—pity dear Neville never met her, it would have done him good, the old stock.

Illustrations for the pamphlet were executed by Henry Shire, noted worker-artist. They are simple and straight to the point.

It is clearly designed to appeal to workers, both organized and unorganized alike.

Kent Issues Bid to Aid Art Auction

Rockwell Kent, nationally famous artist, issued an open invitation to the public to attend the New Masses "Bill of Rights" Art Auction which is being held Sunday afternoon and evening, April 7, at the ACA Galleries, 50 West Eighth Street, for the benefit of New Masses.

Ethel Barrymore Minus Make-Up

Thanks, however, to Mr. Sheean, for permitting us to gaze on the familiarly lovely face of Miss Barrymore again, a face no longer hidden by the make-up of thousand-year-old bags. And thanks too for proving to us that although Spain may have pushed him into thought, he never really did know what it was all about. His conclusion, that America won't fall for the British hypocrisy this time was said by Mrs. Rochester with apparent conviction, but with little sense, for we didn't believe she believed what she was saying. And we just don't believe Mr. Sheean does either.

Of the cast, Josephine Hull reminds us how much better she was in "You Can't Take It With You," and Cecil Humphreys lends distinction to a small part. Miss Barrymore makes us wish she had never met Mr. Sheean, that she had discovered another play for her still laudably opulent talents.

NEW MASSES BENEFIT

A special preview performance of "Medicine Show" for the benefit of the New Masses will be given tonight at the New Yorker Theatre. Tickets at 55 cents, 85 cents, \$1.00 and \$1.65 are available at the Workers Bookstore and at New Masses (Caledonia 5-3076).

IN 'MEDICINE SHOW'



Dorothy McGuire and Alfred Ryder in a scene from the new Living Newspaper, "Medicine Show," opening April 12 at the New Yorker Theatre. Special preview benefit performance for the New Masses tonight.

Decade of Decay In New Best Seller

DECade 1929-1939, by Stephen Longstreet. Random House, N. Y. 388 pp.

By George Bernard

The contradictions of capitalism and the bewilderment of non-Marxist authors are provocatively illustrated in this novel which holds a snug berth on the list of current best-sellers. "Decade 1929-1939" is the record of ten years in the history of a decaying capitalist world, as seen through the eyes of a rugged individualist second to none, who had done more than his share in laying the foundations for that decay.

Eighty-eight years of age in 1929, John Christian Rowlandson, known to his friends and family as the Old One, had come to the United States from England as a boy of 16, and in the true Alger tradition had piled up a vast fortune by trading with the Astors, gold-mining in California, spanning the continent with railroads, building steel mills in the East and canneries on the West Coast—in short, had proved himself an upstanding, rough-riding capitalist, stained with the blood and sweat of thousands of workers.

Portrait of A 'Builder'

Showing us every flaw in the Old One's character, making obvious his complete lack of responsibility to society, Stephen Longstreet still uses his considerable literary talent to present John Christian Rowlandson in a sympathetic light as a "Builder of America"—like the Morgans and Rockefellers, we suppose. But, just when we are about to dismiss this novel as unabashed whitewashing of an old crook, we discover that Mr. Longstreet's protagonist acquires a social consciousness in his old age.

Incredible as it may seem, for all his black personal liberty the Old One is able to study the events of the decade—Hoover, Hitler, Roosevelt, Mussolini, Franco and Chamberlain shaped 1929-1939 what it was—and to decide that the future belongs not to people molded on his own pattern, but to youths such as his great-grandson, Chris Matther, whose conscience impels him to give up a life of ease and die fighting for Spain with the International Brigade.

It is a pity that Chris Matther is one of the sketchiest characters in the book—but this fact is also very significant. The characters of Chris and his great-grandfather are diametrically opposed. With his eye undoubtedly on the book review sections of the "Times" and "Tribune," and with a knowledge of his responsibility to his publishers, Mr. Longstreet is unwilling to give an honest portrayal of the Old One as a public enemy grown penitent in his old age.

Has Meant Much to Millions

It is much easier to kill Chris off, and to have the dying Old One look up at the thousands of stars in the heavens, wonder whether each star is a decade, and to decide that, if they are, the decades sure are damn unimportant to heaven. We don't know what heaven thinks about the decade just past. But we do know who: 1929-1939 meant to millions of workers in every corner of the world. We can't join the Old One in his cynicism.

Wright's 'Native Son' Topic of Lecture At Forum Tonight

Richard Wright's best selling and much-discussed novel, "Native Son," will be the subject of a lecture by Sander Garlin at the Progressive Forum, 430 Sixth Ave., tonight at 8:15.

Garlin will discuss Wright's development as a writer and the significance of his emergence as an outstanding American novelist. The speaker will analyze "Native Son" and comment on the reviews that have appeared, particularly in the Southern press.

Questions and discussion will follow the lecture.

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